Naracoorte Cemetery

M1 M2	The current cemetery was used from late 1864 A register of burials began in August 1878
M3	The allocation of grave numbers began in early 1898 for leased graves, numbered from 1 to 515 Some large plots in M3 were leased by a family, and are not numbered Sections M1, M2 and M3 are located on the left hand side from the old entrance gates
M4	This section began in 1913, numbered from 1 to 700 Section M4 is located on the right hand side from the old entrance gates
M5	This section began about 1941; numbers begin with S, from S1 to S304 Section M5 is located on the southern side of Section M4
M6	This section began in 1948; numbers begin with E, from E1 to E938; then E1353 to E1776 Section M6 is East of the earlier graves
L1	The lawn cemetery began in 1980: all numbers begin with G Lawn 1: near current entrance
L2	The second section of the lawn cemetery began about 1994, with rows A to H Lawn 2: near current entrance
В	Small lawn section for Babies: located near current entrance
C1	Lawn section for Cremation memorials: located near current entrance, from AP01 to AP146

This area has been used as the local cemetery since late 1864; prior to that the cemetery was located on land in MacDonnell Street now known as Pioneer Park.

There is no definite date for the move but the Naracoorte Cemetery was listed in the Government Gazette in September 1864, and the earliest headstone at this site relates to a death in 1865.

A burial register began in 1878, with Section M3 set aside for burials where a lease had been taken out. If there was no lease, the burial took place in M1/M2, until about 1913.

A stone wall was built around the cemetery in 1877-1878; the original wall enclosed a much smaller space, with the southern and eastern sides later removed to enable a larger area to be used for burials.

The cemetery was initially run by trustees with the District Council taking responsibility in 1883.

The gates were installed in 1903 and the current sexton's lodge built in 1904.

The names of people buried in the cemetery after 1878 can be found by searching the Council website.